



1218 High Road

Oliver Hart (1733-1812) & Mary Scoville (1747-1836)  
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1935 Susqui-Centennial Celebration of the Town of Berlin – Berlin Old Houses.

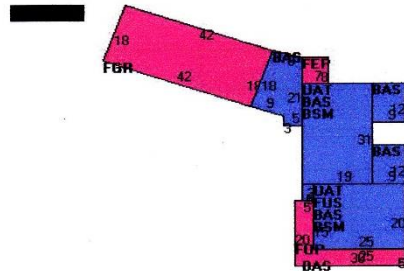
1766	Oliver Hart	current owner: J.D. Sallee	High Road
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1985 Townwide Historic and Architectural Survey of Berlin, Connecticut. Survey # 060

1766	Oliver Hart	current owner: Frances Oliver
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1766 current owner: Donna Veach



## Genealogy

Oliver Hart was born on July 5, 1733, the son of Mathew and Sarah (Hooker) Hart. He married in 1766 to Mary Scovill. Mary was born about 1747, the daughter of William and Ruth (Webb) Scoville. **Lived at** 1218 High Rd., Kensington. Older portion of home was built in 1766. Oliver was a large land holder. He was married at Kensington Congregational Church; both Oliver and Mary were from Kensington. They had a child, Elizabeth, who was born on 19 DEC 17 1769 and died young. Oliver died at age 79 years on November 22, 1812 and is buried in the South Burying Ground. Mary died in 1836 and is buried in the South Burying Ground.

**HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY**  
**BUILDING AND STRUCTURES**  
 HIST-6 NEW 5/77

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 CONNECTICUT HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
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**FOR OFFICE USE ONLY**

Town No.:	Site No.:
UTM	
QUAD:	
DISTRICT	IF NR, SPECIFY
<input type="checkbox"/> S <input type="checkbox"/> NR	<input type="checkbox"/> Actual <input type="checkbox"/> Potential

IDENTIFICATION

DESCRIPTION

1. BUILDING NAME (Common)	(Historic)		
	Oliver Hart House		
2. TOWN CITY	VILLAGE	COUNTY	
Berlin		Hartford	
3. STREET AND NUMBER (and/or location)			
1218 High Road	14-1/51/13		
4. OWNER(S)	17 Arapahoe Road		
Anderson, Frances S.	West Hartford, CT 06107 <input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private		
5. USE (Present)	(Historic)		
Residence	Residence		
6. ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC:	EXTERIOR VISIBLE FROM PUBLIC ROAD	INTERIOR ACCESSIBLE	IF YES, EXPLAIN
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No		
7. STYLE OF BUILDING	DATE OF CONSTRUCTION		
Vernacular	1766 (part)		
8. MATERIAL(S) (Indicate use or location when appropriate)			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Clapboard <input type="checkbox"/> Asbestos Siding <input type="checkbox"/> Brick <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Wood Shingle <input type="checkbox"/> Asphalt Siding <input type="checkbox"/> Fieldstone <input type="checkbox"/> Board & Batten <input type="checkbox"/> Stucco <input type="checkbox"/> Cobblestone <input type="checkbox"/> Aluminum Siding <input type="checkbox"/> Concrete Type: _____ <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cut stone Type: Brownstone foundation			
9. STRUCTURAL SYSTEM			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Wood frame <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Post and beam <input type="checkbox"/> balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Load bearing masonry <input type="checkbox"/> Structural iron or steel <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____			
10. ROOF (Type)			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gable <input type="checkbox"/> Flat <input type="checkbox"/> Mansard <input type="checkbox"/> Monitor <input type="checkbox"/> sawtooth <input type="checkbox"/> Gambrel <input type="checkbox"/> Shed <input type="checkbox"/> Hip <input type="checkbox"/> Round <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ (Material) <input type="checkbox"/> Wood Shingle <input type="checkbox"/> Roll Asphalt <input type="checkbox"/> Tin <input type="checkbox"/> Slate <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gable end to the street <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Asphalt shingle <input type="checkbox"/> Built up <input type="checkbox"/> Tile <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Ridge parallel to the street			
11. NUMBER OF STORIES	APPROXIMATE DIMENSIONS		
2 1/2	25' x 37'		
12. CONDITION (Structural)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good <input type="checkbox"/> Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated <input type="checkbox"/> Excellent <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good <input type="checkbox"/> Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated			
13. INTEGRITY (Location)			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> On original site <input type="checkbox"/> Moved WHEN? (Alterations) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No IF YES, EXPLAIN Many additions			
14. RELATED OUTBUILDINGS OR LANDSCAPE FEATURES			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Barn <input type="checkbox"/> Shed <input type="checkbox"/> Garage <input type="checkbox"/> Other landscape features or buildings (Specify) _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Carriage house <input type="checkbox"/> Shop <input type="checkbox"/> Garden			
15. SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT			
<input type="checkbox"/> Open land <input type="checkbox"/> Wood-land <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Residential <input type="checkbox"/> Scattered buildings visible from site <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Indus-trial <input type="checkbox"/> Rural <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> High building density			
16. INTERRELATIONSHIP OF BUILDING AND SURROUNDINGS			
Set back on large lot, surrounded by modern tract housing.			

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DESCRIPTION (Continued)	17 OTHER NOTABLE FEATURES OF BUILDING OR SITE (interior and/or exterior)	
	<p>The Oliver Hart House has a two-bay two-and-one-half-story, front-facing gabled portion protected by a one-story porch. Windows in the front gabled segment have wide plain-board lintels and are fitted with old 6-over-6 sash. The porch has a plain frieze, a molded cornice, and is supported by turned posts with jigsaw post brackets. The porch wraps around to the left to meet a lower two-story, parallel gabled portion of the house. The molded cornice of the front gable has a wide plain frieze and shows a partial return. The two-story rear gabled segment is similar in construction but has smaller windows fitted with smaller-pane 6-over-6 sash and a less prominent cornice (where visible) with a partial return. Second-floor windows are located immediately under the eaves. This portion has a one-story left ell featuring 6-over-6 sash and a roof lacking a ridgepiece. To the left (continued)</p>	
SIGNIFICANCE	18 ARCHITECT	BUILDER
	<p>19 HISTORICAL OR ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE</p> <p>The Oliver Hart House is significant as a good surviving example of a pre-Civil War farmhouse. Like many 18th and 19th-century houses, the Hart House has a number of additions from various dates. The front-facing gable shows minor Greek Revival influences (the cornice and the wide-board window lintels, intended to suggest the masonry construction and classical orders of the classical Greek temple) and probably dates from the mid-19th century; the porch is a late 19th-century feature. The rear gabled portion was probably built in the early 19th century. The gable-to-street orientation would be unusual in the 18th century, but the location of the second-floor windows under the eaves is a feature that is rarely seen after 1815. The ell and stable may well date from the 18th century. Although small and plain, they show framing techniques (heavy hewn timbers and the lack of a ridgepiece) generally associated with the 1700s.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">(continued)</p>	
SOURCES	Tercentenary List.	
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20 SUBSEQUENT FIELD EVALUATIONS		





Oliver Hart House

17. (continued):

of this ell is an attached stable with a hewn timber frame.

19. (continued):

Oliver Hart, a member of a prominent Berlin family, is said to have built the older portion of this house in 1766.

